

App. No. 10/051,332
Amendment Dated
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REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending in this application. Claims 1-13 are allowed. Claims 14 and 19 were rejected. Claims 15-18 and 20-22 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Terminal Disclaimer

Applicant has included a terminal disclaimer to overcome the rejection under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness – type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 20-22 of U.S. Patent No. 6,480,127 to Aslan.

In view of the foregoing terminal disclaimer and remarks, all pending claims are believed to be allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicant at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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